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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO TELEPHONE NUMBER DIALING SEQUENCE FOR LAHORE AND KARACHI

- 11. Action for IRM/BPC/CST: Please repeat this telegram as an ALDAC.
- 12. The Embassy has been notified by Pakistan National Telecommunications Limited (PTCL)that effective June 30, 2009, all telephone numbers in the 021 area code (Karachi) and all telephone numbers in the 042 area code (Lahore) will switch from a seven digit dialing sequence to an eight digit dialing sequence. In both cases, the number 3 will be the first digit in the dialing sequence. The listed telephone numbers in both areas will remain the same except for the preceding number three before the listed seven digit telephone number. Although this change took effect on June 30, 2009, there is a two-month period where both the seven and eight digit sequence will work. After August 31, 2009, only the eight digit dialing sequence will work.
- 13. The new telephone number for the Lahore switchboard is 3603-4000 (local), 042-3603-4000 (national long distance) and 92-42-3603-4000 (international long distance). The IVG code for Lahore is still 1842. Add the number three before the seven digit number to dial other numbers in Lahore. Cell phone numbers remain unchanged.
- 14. The new telephone number for the Karachi switchboard is 3520-4200 (local), 021-3520-4200 (national long distance) and 92-21-3520-4200 (international long distance). The IVG code for Karachi is still 922. Add the number three before the seven digit number to dial other numbers in Lahore. Cell phone numbers remain unchanged.
- ${ exttt{1}}{ exttt{5}}$ . Islamabad and Peshawar telephone numbers have not been affected by this change.

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